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Media Advisory

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What: “Media Day” about Army Corps of Engineers’ ordnance study

When: 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 6

Where: Near Bastrop, Texas (See directions below.)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is studying the presence of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the Bastrop, Texas, area on property that was once Camp Swift, a World War II Army training camp. As part of the study, the Corps’ contractor is conducting a geophysical survey of some of the affected property.

At the Media Day, the Corps’ project manager from Huntsville, Ala., will discuss the ordnance study and the Corps’ contractor will demonstrate the geophysical survey equipment.

For the equipment demonstration, crews will walk along a staked-out area of land with hand-held magnetometers. If they detect something metal underground which might be UXO, they will place a flag in the ground. (The crew will later dig the flagged locations to determine if UXO is buried there; the media cannot be present during the digging because of safety restrictions.)

Reporters interested in covering the Corps’ fieldwork related to the ordnance study are invited to attend the Media Day, as all resources will be made available during this time. Future interviews cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of the work and the availability of the contractor.

Reporters planning to attend the Media Day should call 817-886-1313 to RSVP by noon March 5.

Directions:

The Media Day will be held near the Lower Colorado River Authority Camp Swift Wastewater Treatment Plant. From Austin, take Highway 71 to Bastrop. In Bastrop, take Highway 95 north toward Elgin. Go about 5 miles on Highway 95 and turn right on Lake Bastrop Road (CR405) and another right on Coolwater Road. The facility is on the left about 3/4 mile.